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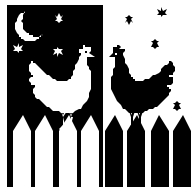
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady, at times about steady. Retail demand was generally light, best for features. Food service was light to moderate, strongest into fast food. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient, sometimes ample. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, close balanced to tight for bone-in, fully sufficient for boneless skinless. Wings were adequate to fully adequate with light movement, and dark meat items were usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/12-02/17/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-51.00	44.00-64.25	50.40	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	50.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	46.00-65.00	62.19	83

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
618	55.00-62.75	61.53
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,638
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,085
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.50	740
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	8,288
WINGS	87.50	2,889

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole bird trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand generally very light, occasionally fair where features were active. Movement into food service accounts was light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to long with offerings fully sufficient for the cautious and nonaggressive buyer interest. Parts trading was limited for the fully adequate or available supplies. The market tone was fully steady on leg quarters, steady to fully steady on whole breasts, about steady on boneless/skinless breasts, and barely steady to weak on wings.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate at best and generally rated as typical entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were at least adequate to available at times, however, the smaller sizes were usually balanced to adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely balanced to no more than adequate, but boneless-skinless breasts were usually available. Wings were fully adequate, and dark meat parts were more than sufficient.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading reported at mainly unchanged prices for next week's deliveries. Offerings of small sizes adequate, heavy weights ample. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall, with some improvement noted by restaurants and best by stores where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: So. California - whole body 69-99, whole cut-up 99, leg quarters 67 (10# bag 290), whole legs 79, thighs 67-79 (5# bag 245, IQF 4# bag 268), drumsticks 69-79 (IQF 4# 268), split breasts 99, boneless breasts 168-468, boneless thighs 129-199, boneless leg meat 98-118, roast-ers 119, game hens 199; No. California - whole cut-up 99, whole legs 89, drumsticks 79-119, thighs 89-119, boneless breasts 249-469, game hens 149; Denver - whole body 89, leg quarters 99 buy one get one, boneless thighs IQF 4# bag 569, split breasts 239 buy one get one, boneless breasts 399, game hens 199; Arizona - leg quarters 79-89, drumsticks 59-119, thighs 59-119, split breasts 99-229, boneless breasts 339.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, mostly fair, with some hopes for improvements over the weekend. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, mostly close balanced to tight, but boneless skinless easily available. Wings were at least adequate with light to moderate interest, and dark meat was balanced, closest for thighs and thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was generally noted as moderate. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breasts were snug. Leg items remained in fairly good balance. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		50-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		55.67
NO. OF BOXES		9,519
CUMULATIVE	02/05/01-02/09/01	54.97
	02/07/00-02/11/00	51.17
NO. OF BOXES	02/05/01-02/09/01	44,899
	02/07/00-02/11/00	38,773

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEBRUARY 02, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	851	125.00-215.00	140-145	142.00	901	125.00-215.00	140-145	142.36	4,406	141.20
TENDERLOINS	186	130.00-210.00	140-145	148.76	180	127.00-210.00	135-140	144.89	880	146.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	72.00-77.00	73-75	74.44	80	72.00-74.00	-	73.55	456	73.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	66.00-73.00	-	69.50	377	67.32
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				46	27.00-40.00	29-30	28.70	464	28.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	353	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.47	469	16.00-20.00	17-18	17.27	2,029	17.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,705	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.99	1,585	18.50-23.00	21-23	21.74	8,295	21.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	110	85.00-94.00	86-88	87.96	310	84.00-94.00	89-90	91.66	1,076	91.08
WINGS (CUT)	605	87.00-116.00	97-99	100.57	525	92.00-116.00	95-98	99.38	3,106	100.88
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				50	32.00-40.00	-	33.28	162	34.72
B/S THIGHS	88	80.00-95.00	-	85.33	116	82.00-95.00	-	88.15	427	89.57

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.75 - 44.50	42.17	41.00 - 46.50	43.39	42.40

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally no better than moderate as dealers remained cautious and selective. Supplies of bone-in breasts were closely balanced to well cleared, but boneless-skinless breasts were usually available. Wings were fully adequate, and dark meat parts were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

02/08/01 ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	02/09/01 WEEKLY TRADING*	
	TRADING*				AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	135		138.02	580,980	135		137.97	513,560	137.23	2,714,120
TENDERLOINS	130-135		134.85	76,550	130-135		134.29	77,920	133.47	396,187
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70		76.42	214,600	69-70		75.26	206,200	75.27	1,082,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	69		72.05	197,000	69		72.24	220,000	71.71	1,032,000
LEGS	32-33		35.61	173,040	32-33		34.11	226,640	34.97	985,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		20.90	492,022	20-21		19.80	535,236	20.31	2,880,579
DRUMSTICKS	27-28		34.45	121,820	27-28		33.30	157,620	33.46	649,560
THIGHS	29-30		31.62	172,200	29-30		34.21	96,870	32.36	582,100
B/S THIGHS	83-84		86.86	48,000	83-84		88.22	29,680	87.10	149,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83		90.12	380,280	81-82		89.41	292,450	91.67	1,429,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.44	43,760	10-12		12.04	57,800	12.10	230,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		31.62	23,280	30-35		33.42	40,440	32.68	126,855
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		41.88	39,000	40-45		44.44	56,120	42.44	200,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	02/09	02/08	02/07	02/06	02/07	02/06	02/02	01/31
ALA	3,855	3,919	3,604	3,834	4.93	5.02	3,580	5.09
ARK	4,866	5,089	5,092	5,165	4.86	4.92	5,089	4.87
DELMARVA	2,201	2,164	2,277	2,286	4.91	5.01	2,196	4.91
KY-LA-TN	1,955	2,012	1,927	1,973	4.58	4.57	1,707	4.52
MISS	2,758	2,752	2,626	2,725	5.10	5.12	2,735	5.00
NC	2,642	2,505	2,566	2,417	5.81	5.92	2,520	5.76
TEXAS	1,838	2,256	2,244	2,233	4.89	4.90	2,267	4.77
TOTAL	20,115	20,697	20,336	20,633	5.01	5.06	20,094	5.00
MON-FRI103,410(A)							101,435(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Feb 01 and 10-Feb-01 is estimated to be 30,094,000 down 3.46 percent from a week ago and down 10.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,552,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Feb-01 is estimated to be 149,162,000 head unchanged percent from a week ago, and down 4.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 149,857,000 Last year 156,048,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		81
DUCKS		139
RABBITS-WHOLE		294
RABBITS-CUT UP		299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	108
	ICE PACK	93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-111
	DRY PACK	116
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-172

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan 27, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up  
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	33,546	29,735	40,050
Avg Weight	3.76	4.85	5.97
% of total /1	32%	29%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,113	28,681	41,586
Avg Weight	3.80	4.56	6.10
% of total /1	32%	28%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,727	28,988	41,676
Avg Weight	3.72	4.76	6.06
% of total /1	28%	29%	42%
To date/2001	131,201	105,072	179,171
To date/2000	120,845	121,261	163,378

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL  
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS  
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	149,857 (A)	1,942	1,305	3,247	472
AVG WT	4.89	3.36	7.57	5.05	6.69
LAST WEEK	156,803	2,032	1,353	3,385	480
YR AGO	160,713	1,998	1,244	3,242	480
AVG WT	5.16	3.62	7.63	5.16	6.45
TO-DATE/2001	740,594	9,093	6,051	15,144	2,387
TO-DATE/2000	765,044	10,267	6,604	16,871	2,511

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.7 million head or 1.0 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 06, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 -.72	Silkie	3.50 - 4.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.64 -.74	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea
Pekin Ducks	.40 -.52	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.60 -.84	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.74
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 -1.10	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.10 -1.42
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 -1.10	Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea
4-6 LBS	.70 -.94	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84
Crossbred Roosters			
7-11 LBS	.60 -.92	Total Coops Sold	464
Guinea Fowl	1.25 -1.35		
Banty Roosters	3.00 -5.50ea.		
Banty Hens	2.50 -4.00ea.		
Leghorn Roosters	.50 -.58		

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-84 68-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable to light range. Slaughter schedules were part to full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.30-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-FEB-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER	30	117.9	137.1	86	4.87
JANUARY	6	126.8	139.4	91	5.17
	13	159.1	147.6	108	5.09
	20	151.7	151.9	100	5.07
	27	158.7	152.3	104	4.97
FEBRUARY	3	151.7	152.7	99	4.89
YEAR TO DATE		749.6	743.9	101	
FEBRUARY	10		149.5		
	17		148.8		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	02/10/01	02/03/01	% CHG	02/12/00	% CHG
Broilers	149,162	149,857*	0	156,048*	-04
Cattle	617,000	629,000	-02	695,000*	-11
Hogs	1,799,000	1,883,000	-06	1,901,000*	-05

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were about unchanged on light canners and irregular on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Trading was seasonal and only fair for a demand that ranged from moderate to good. Offerings were about adequate to adequate with supplies clearing. Undertone was mixed and unsettled.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-24 MAJORITY	35.25-37 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	38-39.5 MAJORITY

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for adequate offerings of light fowl. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings ample for current processor schedules. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings range from about adequate to ample. Demand was only fair. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was barely steady to steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings exceeded available line time.

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